



Indiana Department of Education  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Jeff Zaring, State Board Administrator

**DATE:** September 30, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Model Special Education Sites

Anne Davis, Director of Special Education, will discuss model special education sites. The schools' principals have been invited and we are hoping they will be able to join us.



## PBIS-IN Model Sites

Six Indiana schools have been identified through an application process to become model Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) sites. This initiative is supported through the activities of the PBIS-IN resource center, which is funded through a federal State Personnel Development grant. The goal of this initiative is to develop elementary and secondary sites throughout the state that may serve to support other schools in developing PBIS structures. The first year of this process model sites will receive intensive training from resource center staff. Subsequent years these schools will play a key role in hosting other schools who would like to learn about the effective implementation of PBIS, thus creating an internal scale-up process for districts.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Dexter Elementary (Evansville-Vanderburgh)
  - Cultural Competency work; PBIS and Cultural Competency IN-SIG grant 2008-2009; this year ready to begin Tier II
- Taylorsville Elementary (Bartholomew County)
  - Coaching; Multicultural director; Diversity Leadership Council; starting a parent university; using PBIS tools
- Fieler Elementary (Merrillville)
  - Coordinator of Diversity; 2 Wallace Foundation grants (cultural responsiveness and parents); worked with Dr. Ken Coopwood, Ph.D. Director of Diversity and Equity at Indiana University Northwest; implementing Tier II and Tier III (See Pierce Middle School)

### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- Pierce Middle School (Merrillville)
  - Coaching model; Ready for tertiary training; 2 Wallace Foundation grants; much work completed in the area of cultural responsiveness (see Fieler Elementary)
- Charlestown Middle School (Greater Clark County)
  - Multicultural affairs department; no expulsions (uses alternative school setting); book studies using *Courageous Conversations* and *Culturally Responsive Schools*
- Jimtown High School (Baugo)
  - External and internal coach; all Baugo schools using PBIS and buy-in was driven by the high school; teachers push for PBIS



## Debbie Downing

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**From:** Jeff Zaring  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2010 6:58 PM  
**To:** Debbie Downing  
**Subject:** Fw: State Board of Education  
**Attachments:** PBIS model site fact sheet for SBOE 10.6.10.doc

Will you prepare a cover memo?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Anne Davis  
**To:** Jeff Zaring  
**Sent:** Wed Sep 29 17:06:04 2010  
**Subject:** State Board of Education

Hello Jeff,

Attached please find information for the State Board of Education regarding the 6 PBIS-IN model sites. We have contacted the schools' principals and are hoping they will be able to join us.

Thank you!

Anne

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